Death of Golden Langur in Assam

2014. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention is drawn towards the tragic development of serial death of endangered species 'Golden Langur' due to attack of unknown disease in the Assam's forest particularly at Ultapani under Haltugaon forest division;

(b) if so, what are the steps to check the further spread of said disease;

(c) whether Government have carried any examination to know the disease and adopted any measures to save the endangered species; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes Sir. There are reports of deaths of 'Golden Langur' in Assam.

(b) As reported by Government of Assam, the decomposed carcasses were treated with lime and salt and buried immediately as a precautionary measure for preventing spread of the disease, if any.

(c) and (d) Samples of the carcasses of Golden Langur have been sent to the National Biological Institute, Pune; Forensic Laboratory, Guwahati and the Histopathological Laboratory of the College of Veterinary Science, Guwahati for analysis. A Team of experts from College of Veterinary Science, Guwahati had also visited the area and the Golden Langur troops are being monitored regularly to prevent recurrence of such incidents.

Forest land in North-Eastern States

2015. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of forest land in each of the North-Eastern States;

(b) the amount of income derived from this forest land in each State of the North-East; and